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In re Application of:

Tanaka et al.

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For: **METHOD OF CALIBRATING LIGAND
SPECIFICITY**

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Examiner: Gary W. Counts

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED MARCH 7, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully elect **Group II** (Claims 12-14, 16, and 18) with traverse. The present invention is characterized by mixing a protein sample with an affinity resin at least two times for an assay of the specificity of the protein bound on the affinity resin. The claims of Group I and Group II should be examined together since they share the same technical feature as described herein, in conformance with PCT Rule 13.1.

It is believed that no fees are due at this time. However, please charge any fees that might be due in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account No. 12-0913 with respect to our matter number 43512-104209.

Respectfully submitted,



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